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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1877.

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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House," Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

Also,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. ap12

Intimations.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits :—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum,
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

Notices of FIRMS.

NOTICE.

M. R. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNIE will conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ap18

NOTICE.

M. R. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

M. R. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBELS has been authorised to sign for us by Procurator. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

We have appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUCKSHANK,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 21, 1876. ap20

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULZ has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,

W. HULZ.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap22



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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1877.

日二月二年丑丁

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

For Sale:

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of OUR WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES', BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMANTS, Comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

VICTORIA GAOI,

Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc30

WANTED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for

China and Japan, for
JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON,
Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES,
Embroidery, &c., and Military and

Naval Appointments of every
Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBALDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, Old BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.,
20, Old Broad Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, \$1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND, \$2,340,000

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WITH Reference to the foregoing Adver-

tisement THE MARINE INSUR-

ANCE CO. has This Day taken over the

Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL

STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appoint-

ed Mr A. McIVER as its AGENT in HON-

KONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors;

ROBERT J. LODGE,

Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept

Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the

MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class

Steamer.

A. McIVER,

Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of

London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. ap17

NOTICE.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,

PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang

are desirous of receiving DESIGNS

for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to

be erected on the ground on the east side

of the Esplanade situated between the latter

and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed

\$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of

\$400 for the best and most suitable Design

with Specifications; and competitors have

the option of forwarding Tenders for carry-

ing out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all docu-

ments, are to be sent to the Municipal Office

Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secre-

tary to the Municipal Commissioners

at Penang.

B. C. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretary,

Penang.

Municipal Office,

The 1st September, 1876.

NOTES AND QUERIES.—

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese

Dialect.

"Watching Spirits."

Chinese Folk-Lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Pidgin English.

Goethe's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Mosaic.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Chow Mail Office,

Hongkong, March 30, 1877.

NOTES AND QUERIES.—

WASHING BOOKS,

(In English and Chinese).

ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain FITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

FOR BANGKOK.
The Spanish Steamer
"ZAMBOANGA"
will be despatched for the above Port, on the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"NAMOA,"
Capt. WESTBURY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship "BELGIO," are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP WINDERMERE, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. KHIVA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the NEPAUL from London, and DUCAN from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

L. FIDLER will be Rewarded on bringing them to the Office, HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CARRIAGE, HARNESS, & 2 PONIES, THE PROPERTY OF A. SIERKIEWICZ, ESQ., CONSUL FOR FRANCE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

One 4-wheeled Victoria PHAFTON, for One or Two Ponies. Bail Aine, Paris, Builder.

One Pair Grey North China PONIES, with Silver Mounted Harness.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap28

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Athene Breeze, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schweier.—Melchers & Co.

Mystic Breeze, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemssen & Co.

ROSEA, American 8-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PANTOLA, American 8-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lumb.—Landstein & Co.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 25, Columbian, British steamer, 187, J. Alderton, Saigon March 15, Rice, — P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 26, Attie's S. Hall, Am. 8m. sch., from Canada.

March 26, Tientin, British steamer, 882, Deville, Saigon March 20, Rice.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

March 26, Beethoven, German barque, 820, R. Haie, Bangkok Feb. 5, Rice and Tea-wood.—MULCHERS & Co.

March 26, Pungking, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

March 26, Windermere, British ship, 657,

J. W. Mann, Antwerp Oct. 17, General— Meyer & Co.

March 25, Kurik, Russian barque, 880, J. Bergelung, Cardiff Nov. 13, Coal.— ORDER.

March 26, Rosetta McNeil, American barque, 611, Brown, Singapore Jan. 23, Timber.—ORDER.

March 26, Kashgar, British steamer, 1514, E. T. Baker, Shanghai March 3, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Mar. 26, Belice, British steamer, 1716, Metcalfe, San Francisco Feb. 6, Yokohama March 18, General—O. & O. S. N. Co.

March 26, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, E. Thomas, Manila March 23, General—A. MCG. HEATON.

March 26, China German steamer, 649, P. H. Hennings, Shanghae March 22, GEIMSEN & CO.

March 26, Krieg, British steamer, 1806, Perris, Bombay Moh. 6, Gallo 10, Penang 17, and Singapore 20, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 26, Mount Lebanon, British 3-m. schooner, 530, D. C. Hall, Saigon Feb. 19, and Cape St. James March 3, General—ROZARIO & CO.

March 26, Antenor, British steamer, 1644, Henry Jones, Liverpool Feb. 4, via ports of call, and Singapore March 19, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 24, Wushi, for Holhoo.

24, Chindia, for Yokohama.

24, Taiwan, for Coast Ports.

26, Viking, for Yokohama.

26, Ocean, for Saigon.

26, Tientsin, for Swatow.

26, Yungching, for Shanghai.

26, Galle of Lorne, for Cooktown.

26, China, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Anazi, for Bangkok.

Nora, for Swatow.

Mongomeryshire, for Saigon.

Sir Harry Parkes, for Taiyuanfoo.

Jeada, for Saigon.

Cairnsmuir, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Khiva, from Bombay, Mr. Maj.

Gen. Ruban, Miss Ruban, Mr. Anderson,

Capt. Purvis, E.N., Mr. Rhoda, Mrs. Eller-

ton, Euro. sea and child, Messrs Buddo,

Struthers, Allan, Watson, Gilbert, Mrs.

Stephens Mr. Banajee, Mrs Kerr's native

servant, and 67 Chinese.

Per Kashgar, from Shanghai, Mr. A.

Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs Miller, servant and

5 children, and 32 Chinese.

Per Belize, from San Francisco and

Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rice, Rev.

Archdeacon and Mrs Gray, 2 Europeans,

and 66 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Messrs O.

E. Edwards, Capt. Black, G. McLellan,

W. W. McLellan, A. W. Sato, D. Jones,

F. P. Centriano, J. Mariano, J. R. de

Arellano, M. Sarda, Mr and Mrs Halfpen

and 3 children, T. Goldaracina, A. Alarcos,

Capt. Le Bush, J. Rasano, W. Rasano, 1

European deck and 145 Chinese.

Per China, from Shanghai, Messrs

Bryant, A. S. Barker, Atheson, and 40

Chinese.

Per Antenor, from Liverpool, Rev. J.

Henderon, Mr. Jones, and 282 Chinese

from Straits.

Per Columbian, from Saigon, 15 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Taiwan, for Amoy, Mr and Mrs

Tyack, for Foochow, Mr Nicholson for

Coast Ports, 100 Chinese.

Per Wash, for Holhoo, 1 European and

20 Chinese.

Per Viking, for Yokohama, 4 Europeans.

Per Salvador, for Amoy, 125 Chinese.

Per Galle of Lorne, for Cooktown, 976

Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Cairnsmuir, for Saigon, 120 Chinese.

Per Montgomeryshire, for Saigon, 40 Chi-

neese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Columbian reports:

Fine weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Tientin reports:

Volatile winds and fine weather until

nearing Hongkong, when had strong

northly winds with drizzling rain.

The German barque Beethoven reports:

First part of passage strong E.N.E. winds

and high sea, latter part light variable

winds and fine weather.

The British ship Windermere reports:

Generally fine weather throughout the

passage. Since passing 108 E. we had

light variable winds, sighted Formosa on

Sunday the 18th, and thence to arrival

light winds and calm with dense fog.

The Russian barque Kurik reports:

Had generally moderate and fine weather

throughout the passage to the China Sea,

then to thick weather. On the 28th

December passed German barque Mary Louise, of Appenrade, and a German barque

showing R.F.H.L. from Cardiff to Hong-

kong, in lat. 128 S. and long. 128 E.

The British steamer Kashgar reports:

Dull and overcast the whole passage, with

much rain.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports:

Fine weather and light variable winds

throughout.

The German steamer China reports:

First day S.E

the local Government, and awarding the highest praise to the Duke of Buckingham and local officers.

Bombay., Feb. 23.—The second cable which was commenced to be laid from Aden on the 21st instant, will be completed to Bombay on March 6th. The *Hibernia* proceeds to Ponang with the cable for Rangoon. The Duplex system is working between Bombay and Aden.

Feb. 26.—The Dhollera Cotton outturn has diminished and the price is weaker.

Calcutta, Feb. 26.—The total purchase of Rice by the Madras Government to meet local demands were 41,000 tons, of which 30,000 tons were obtained from Bengal and 11,000 tons from up-country. None has been bought since the 6th January.

Bombay, Feb. 26.—The famine statement shows that applicants for relief are less than in the estimate. The public fear that the scale is insufficient to prevent mortality.

Bombay, Mar. 2.—Mr Maclean, Editor and Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*, has been appointed Chairman of the Town Council, vice Captain Henry, deceased.

Aden, Mar. 3.—The S. S. *Mirzapore* with the outward mails of the 28th February left here yesterday at 7 p.m., for Bombay.

Bombay, Mar. 3.—A large public meeting has voted a memorial to the late Captain Henry. The Honourable Mr Gibbs presided, and the Chief Justice proposed the first resolution and Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy the second; and representative men supported both. R 4,000 were subscribed at the meeting.

Berlin, Mar. 5.—General Ignatieff has arrived here on a special mission from St. Petersburg, and will afterwards pay a special visit to Paris and Vienna.

Washington, Mar. 5.—President Hayes has issued an inaugural address to Congress, in which he strongly urges the union of all parties, in order that orderly Government may be restored to the Southern States. He also urges a speedy return to specific payment.

London, March 6.—In the House of Commons last night, Sir Stafford Northcote, replying to a question by Sir H. Wolf, said the first reduction in the Suez Canal dues had been postponed till the 15th April. The Canal Company, he said, objects to England voting, because the shares held by the English Government do not bear coupons. Government has protested against this objection, and declares its right to vote as shareholder.

General Ignatieff will not visit London in connection with his special mission, but will meet Count Schouvaloff at Paris, whether the Count proceeds for that purpose.

London, March 6.—Mr Ward Hunt estimates the expenses of the Navy for the coming year at 102 millions.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Hardy, in presenting his Army Estimates, said that the condition of the Army was at present excellent, and that it would shortly present a plan for the promotion and retirement of officers.

Constantinople, March 6.—The Porte objects to the demands by Montenegro in arranging terms of peace, which comprise certain cessions of territory and a seaport.

S. Petersburg, March 6.—An imperial ukase has been issued ordering the organisation of nine army corps.

London, March 7.—According to information from St. Petersburg, Russia still maintains an expectant attitude pending the replies from the Powers to Prince Gortschakoff's circular.

The number of recruits joining the British army since the beginning of January has been 1,000 weekly.

Obituary: Generals Sir John Fordyce and Evelyn Waddington.

London, Mar. 7.—Reuter's Office announces from Constantinople that the Porte maintains the first attitude adopted at the Conference, and accepts war with Russia in preference to having the present state of suspense prolonged. On the other hand, information from the same source states that Russia rejects the suggestion to allow Turkey a year's grace in which to carry out the promise of reforms.

S. Petersburg, Mar. 8.—Prince Gortschakoff has instructed the Russian Envoy to declare that Russia will withdraw from the treaty of 1856 unless the Powers co-operate to obtain the acceptance of the original programme presented at the Conference.

London, Mar. 8.—In the House of Commons to-night Mr Bourke, replying to a question, said that the answer to Prince Gortschakoff's circular had been deferred at the request of Russia, who had promised communications on the subject, which however had not yet been received. The prolonged absence of the British Ambassador from Constantinople, he said, was not intentional.

Waddington, Mar. 9.—President Hayes has nominated W. M. Evarts as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Gen.-ral Sherman as Secretary of the Treasury, and Carl Schurz as Secretary of the Interior.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

HONGKONG, March 23rd, 1877.

Sir,—I have the honour to report on the British Post Service in China and Japan during 1876.

2. The past year has witnessed preparation for, and in some cases the completion of important changes, obliterating the entrance of this Colony into the General Postal Union, and the voting of an annual contribution of £3,150 from Postal Revenue towards the conveyance of Mails.

4. The charges on local letters (that is to say on those exchanged between British Offices in China and Japan, and to or from Cochin China, Siam, or the Philippines) have been reduced by one half, whilst Canton and Macao have been admitted into the system of penny postage in force in Victoria. The Macao Post Office has consented to deliver local correspondence free. Some years ago a letter from Swatow to Macao would have cost 5d, besides a charge on delivery. It is now delivered free for 2d.

5. An Honorary Agency has been opened at the new port Kiung Chow in Hainan, through the kind assistance of successive Vice-Consuls, Messrs. Ford and Harvey. Though the amount of Postal business is small, the Agency has been a convenience to the residents, and the gentlemen who have carried it on are entitled to the thanks of all interested in the trade.

6. H. B. M. Vice-Consul at Tsinthai was good enough to propose a similar Honorary Agency of that place, but considerations of a general nature, affecting the whole of the smaller Treaty Ports, have intervened to delay the acceptance of this offer.

7. A mail sent by British steamer to Bangkok was delayed two months, in conse-

quence of the Master's omission to land it. This vexatious circumstance led to an enquiry into the state of the law as to the delivery and reception of Mails at Consular Posts, which was found to be complicated and unsatisfactory. The whole question has been referred to the Home Government.

11. Means have been devised for forwarding correspondence for Canada, the West Indies, Brazil, Peru, &c., by way of San Francisco; also for sending letters for India by the one French Packet a month which formerly carried no Indian Mail, thus making five regular opportunities for Indian correspondence in every month. The somewhat clumsy expedients, by means of which alone these objects could be attained, will soon, it is hoped, be superseded by the simpler and uniform method of the Postal Union.

12. After considerable delay, due to the mismanagement of an official letter, a satisfactory Postal Convention has been concluded with Netherlands India.

13. Correspondence has taken place on the question of a Postal Convention with Queensland, a sixpenny tariff via Torres Straits being the object in view. But the difficulties of sea-conveyance have not yet been sufficiently overcome to allow of the matter being laid officially before you.

14. It has been ascertained that the Australian Post Offices deliver free all private ship correspondence arriving in *Mails*. The antiquated and vexatious charge of 4d. a letter, formerly levied here even on prepaid correspondence received by private ship from Australia, has therefore been abandoned. This office now delivers free in China and Japan all ship mails from all parts of the world, with one trifling exception. Loose letters are of course charged as formerly.

15. A misunderstanding, for which this Office was not responsible, having been removed, the Torres Straits Route is now open for New Zealand as for other parts of Australasia. The packets on this line have made more regular passages during the year, and all correspondence for Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, New Zealand, or Tasmania is sent by them unless it be specially directed for the route via Galle.

16. The Local Money Order system has been supplemented by an arrangement for the purchase of Hongkong Postage Stamps at the Agencies of this Office, thus facilitating the exchange of small sums of money anywhere on the Coast.

17. Correspondence has taken place as to the extension of the Money Order system to Queensland, New South Wales, the Straits Settlements, and India. A regulation of the Postal Union, somewhat too stringent perhaps, forbids the sending of coin in even a Registered Letter. This makes it desirable to extend Money Order facilities as widely as possible. Formerly, a small sum could be remitted to almost any part of the world by enclosing gold coin in a Registered Letter.

18. Some difficulty is caused by the necessity for providing for Chinese Remittances. The confusion likely to be caused by Chinese names, and the various ways of Anglicising them, may be prevented by a simple expedient. But a more serious impediment, especially with regard to the Straits Settlements, is the fact that many of the Payees of the Money Orders would reside in the interior of China, quite out of reach of any of the Agencies of this Office. This is a point which should be taken into account by those who think that sweeping measures ought to be brought to bear on Chinese correspondence. No doubt many systematic evasions of Postal law are practised by Chinese, but some of them at least arise from the fact that the Chinaman can do for himself, easily, cheaply, and safely, what the British Post Office cannot do for him at all.

19. It is remembered, however, that throughout the whole year, two rival Offices in Japan and the North of China have been offering communication with America and Europe at rates less than half of ours (5d. on letters for instance as against 1s. 2d. and that, for Shanghai and Ports North of Shanghai, the route via San Francisco is at least as speedily as that via Suez. At Yokohama alone nearly 10,000 letters and 6,000 papers less were posted for the Suez route in 1876 than in 1875. It has been learnt that the Mail despatched from that port via San Francisco has been as much as fifty bags by one Packet. Much of the contents would no doubt be papers, &c., which but for the low rates would not have been posted at all; but a few years since all the rest would have passed through this Office.

20. The quickest passages home have been made by the Messengers Packets, the Mail carried by which vessels four times reached London in 35 days. The P. & O. Packets have delivered the Mail in 38 days six times. The *Oceanic* left for San Francisco on December 4th, and reached that port in 23 days.

21. The quickest passages out have been made by the P. & O. Packets, which have delivered the Mails eight times within 36 days. The Messengers Packet *Sindh* arrived on August 6th with the Mail 37 days from London. The *Oceanic* arrived on May 13th after a voyage of 26 days from San Francisco. 34. Tables B. & C. afford the following averages:

Average voyage Average voyage allowed. age taken.
British Packets, Outward, 40⁴ days. 38⁴ days.
French Packets, Homeward, 42⁴ days. 38⁴ days.
British Packets, Outward, 41⁴ days. 40⁴ days.
British Packets, Outward, 42⁴ days. 41⁴ days.

35. It is to be hoped that the next Annual Report will be more encouraging, if not with regard to Revenue (for Revenue is in all probability a thing of the past) at any rate in something to show for the Revenue which may have ceased to exist.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General,

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China.

SINGAPORE (News)

Training for the Spring Race Meeting is progressing, and nearly every morning the Grand Stand and Course present an animated scene. On Saturday morning the large number of 86 ponies were entered on the training course at one time; and judging from the unusual competition shown in the holding of numerous auditions of jockeys, this number bids fair to be largely increased. It is, of course, too early to form an opinion as to how much racing can be got out of the mass of raw material on offer, but as in this case multiplicity gives greater chances of success, it may be thought likely that sufficient will be found to yield large fields and good sport.

The puff of wind from the north-west, on Tuesday afternoon, heralded a sandstorm, which began a little before midnight and continued all day yesterday (March 21st). The air was so thickly charged with dust as to very much obscure the sun, and nearly buried the Pudding shore.

Our readers will remember the failure of an action heard a few weeks ago, in which the China Maritime Company sought to recover from Mr. R. Francis £1,500 Kuklung currency, which it was alleged had been misappropriated by Williams Henry Shaw, who was Mr. Francis' agent at Kuklung. When the action was heard, Shaw was away from China, and his

whereabouts having been ascertained, a warrant was issued for his apprehension. Its execution was entrusted to Sergeant Skinner, who was despatched on the 2nd instant to Hongkong, where it was expected Shaw would shortly arrive from Japan. These arrangements worked with success. On the 14th instant, Shaw arrived in Hongkong, from Kobe, by the *Galleys of Lorne*, and was taken into custody by Sergeant Skinner. His identification was proved before the Hongkong Magistrate, who thereupon ordered him to Shanghai for trial. He arrived here on Tuesday by the *Amoy*, and yesterday (Mar. 21st) was taken before Mr. Mowat, at H. B. M.'s Supreme Court. Mr. Walnewright, who is engaged to conduct the prosecution, was unprepared to go fully into the case, owing to the principal witness having to be brought from Kuklung, and applied for a remand for a week. Shaw offered no objection, but asked for the case to be heard without unnecessary delay. He hoped to clear himself of the charge, and being in ill-health he desired a change of climate as soon as possible. He was remanded for a week, bail being offered in his own recognisances of \$1,000 and two sureties in \$500 each. At the adjourned hearing, we hear, he will probably be defended by Mr. Ronne.

NEWCHINWANG.

A correspondent writes on the 26th February:—Business has not commenced yet. We hear of the S. S. N. Co. having been sold, and that the Taotai has already taken offices down town for their successors. Not a parcel of goods has been sold this winter, the Chinese having kept entirely out of the market. Opium has not been dealt in so much as in previous years, and is quoted £150 per cwt. Produce is very dear, and unless things change soon, freight will suffer.—The King of Corea's palace is said to have been burned by incendiaries.—N. C. D. News.

Anagi Kawan, was launched at Yokosuka, in presence of H. E. Terashima Munemori, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Admirals Akamatsu and Nakamura and several other officials. Numbers of foreign spectators were also present. This is the third ship of the kind built at the same establishment. Her burden is one thousand tons, and she will carry eleven guns. The launch was in every respect successful.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 26, 1877.	
OPIUM.—New Pains, cash... \$565	
" " New Banars, cash... 550	
" " New Malwa, cash... 555	
" " credit... 560	
" Allowance Taels, 16 c 40	
" Old Malwa, cash... 580	
" credit... 585	
" Allowance Taels... 16 c 32	
CAMPHOR, 161	
QUICKSILVER, 62	
SALT/PETRE, 54 6.15	

Exchange.

BANK, on demand, 8/10	
" 30 days' sight, 3/104	
" 6 months' sight, 3/11	
CREDIT, " 6 months' sight, 3/11	
BOMBAY, 224	
CAULCO, 224	
SHANGHAI, demand, 724	
" 30 days, 731	
BAR SILVER, 17, dwt. E., 9 1/2 prem.	
MEXICAN, 2 1/2 nom.	
GOLD LEAF, 26.20	
ENGLISH SOVEREIGNS, 5.10	
AUSTRALIAN SOVEREIGNS, 5.10	
DISCOUNT, 7 1/2 %	

Shares.

HONGKONG BANK, 31	
H. K. FIRE INS. CO., \$540	
CHINA FIRE INS. CO., \$150	
CHINA TRADERS' INS. CO., \$2,080	
UNION LIFE INS. CO., \$620	
CHINA INSURANCE CO., \$205	
NORTH CHINA INS. CO., Tls. 910	
YANGTZE INS. ASSOCIATION, Tls. 610	
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